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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR §1.121**

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" mailed 14 April 2004 in connection with the above-identified application, attached are six (6) sheets of Replacement Formal Drawings which are identical to the drawings filed with the Amendment on 5 April 2004, and which have been marked "Replacement Formal Drawings" in the top margin. Applicant respectfully requests entry and approval, and printing of the attached formal drawings in any patent issuing hereon.

This Response is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response set by the Notice, and therefore, no Petition or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attachments:**

Six (6) Sheets "Replacement  
Formal Drawings" for Figs. 1-10